(b) whether the delegation had submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, what was their report as to the prospects of normalisation of relations with China and the Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) An eleven member delegation from the Indian Association of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (IAPPD) visited China between September 15 and 26, 1991 at the invitation of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Public Health of the National People's Congress of China with a view to fostering the exchange of data, knowledge and information on population, development and environment related matters. The delegation consisted primarily of Members of Parliament from various political parties.

(b) The delegation have submitted their report to the Prime Minister on 26.11.91.

(c) The report of the delegation refers to discussions held with the Chairman of the National People's Congress of China and other Chinese dignitaries in which the Chinese side expressed a keen desire to strengthen cooperation in the field of population and development. Government believe that such exchanges between India and China are in the mutual interest of both countries.

भारत और पाकिस्तान के प्रधान मंत्रियों के बीच प्रस्तावित वार्ता

956. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच निकट भविष्य में प्रधान मंत्रियों के स्तर पर बातचीत का कोई विचार है ; और

(ख) क्या इन वार्ताओं के दौरान परमाणु शस्त्रों के प्रश्न पर चर्चा किये जाने की संभावना है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) इस तरह की बैठक का अभी कोई विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Memorandum submitted by Shiromani Akali Dal to the U.S. Ambassador

957. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Shiromani Akali Dal President and several other of the party had submitted a Memorandum to the US Ambassador in New Delhi last month;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating demands made in the memorandum;

(c) whether Government have been informed about the memorandum and US response to it by American Embassy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. A memorandum addressed to the US Ambassador was handed over to an US Embassy Official.

(b) The memorandum demanded the release of Ranjit Singh Gill and Sukhminder Singh Sandhu, accused of assassinating General Vaidya, from US police custody and the grant of political asylum to them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.